THE MARINER'S REVENGE SONG
THE DECEMBERISTS

[Intro] **Am**

[Verse 1] **Am E E Am (X2)**
WE ARE TWO MARINERS, OUR SHIPS' SOLE SURVIVORS
IN THIS BELLY OF A WHALE
ITS RIBS OUR CEILING BEAMS, ITS GUTS OUR CARPETING
I GUESS WE HAVE SOME TIME TO KILL

YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME, I WAS A CHILD OF THREE
AND YOU A LAD OF EIGHTEEN
BUT I REMEMBER YOU AND I WILL RELAY TO YOU
HOW OUR HISTORIES INTERWEAVE

F **Am**
AT THE TIME YOU WERE A RAKE AND A ROUSTABOUT
F **E** **F** **E**
SPENDING ALL YOUR MONEY ON THE WHORES AND HOUNDS, OH

[Verse 2] **Am E E Am**
YOU HAD A CHARMING AIR, ALL CHEAP AND DEBONAIR
MY WIDOWED MOTHER FOUND SO SWEET
AND SO SHE TOOK YOU IN, HER SHEETS STILL WARM WITH HIM
NOW FILLED WITH FILTH AND FOUL DISEASE

F **Am**
AS TIME WORE ON YOU PROVED A DEBT-RIDDEN DRUNKEN MESS
F **E** **F** **E**
LEAVING MY MOTHER A POOR CONSUMPTIVE WRETCH, OH

[Verse 3] **Am E E Am**
AND THEN YOU DISAPPEARED, YOUR GAMBLING ARREARS
THE ONLY THING YOU LEFT BEHIND
AND THEN THE MAGISTRATE RECLAIMED OUR SMALL ESTATE
AND MY POOR MOTHER LOST HER MIND

F **Am**
THEN ONE DAY IN SPRING MY DEAR SWEET MOTHER DIED
F **E** **F** **E**
BUT BEFORE SHE DID I TOOK HER HAND AS SHE DYING CRIED, OH

[Chorus]
Dm
"FIND HIM, BIND HIM, TIE HIM TO A POLE AND BREAK HIS
Am
FINGERS TO SPLINTERS, DRAG HIM TO A HOLE UNTIL HE
Dm **E F E**
WAKES UP NAKED CLAWING AT THE CEILING OF HIS GRAVE"

[Instrumental] **Am G Am (X3)**

[Verse 4] **Am E E Am** **G, E7 throughout, as above*
IT TOOK ME FIFTEEN YEARS TO SWALLOW ALL MY TEARS
AMONG THE URCHINS IN THE STREET
UNTIL A PRIORY TOOK PITY AND HIRED ME
TO KEEP THEIR VESTRY NICE AND NEAT

F **Am**
BUT NEVER ONCE IN THE EMPLOY OF THESE HOLY MEN
F **E F E**
DID I EVER ONCE TURN MY MIND FROM THE THOUGHT OF REVENGE, OH

[Verse 5] **Am E E Am**
ONE NIGHT I OVERHEARD THE PRIOR EXHANGING WORDS
WITH A PENITENT WHALER FROM THE SEA
THE CAPTAIN OF HIS SHIP WHO MATCHED YOU TOE TO TIP
WAS KNOWN FOR WANTON CRUELTY

F **Am**
THE FOLLOWING DAY I SHIPPED TO SEA WITH A PRIVATEER
F **E F E**
AND IN THE WHISTLE OF THE WIND I COULD ALMOST HEAR, OH

[Chorus]
Dm
"FIND HIM, BIND HIM, TIE HIM TO A POLE AND BREAK HIS
Am
FINGERS TO SPLINTERS, DRAG HIM TO A HOLE UNTIL HE
Dm **E F E**
WAKES UP NAKED CLAWING AT THE CEILING OF HIS GRAVE"

[Bridge]
C **G**
"THERE IS ONE THING I MUST SAY TO YOU
C **G**
AS YOU SAIL ACROSS THE SEA
Am **E**
ALWAYS YOUR MOTHER WILL WATCH OVER YOU
F **E**
AS YOU AVENGE THIS WICKED DEED"

[Interlude] **Dm Am Dm E (X3)**

[Verse 6] **Am E E Am**
AND THEN THAT FATEFUL NIGHT WE HAD YOU IN OUR SIGHT
AFTER TWENTY MONTHS AT SEA
YOUR STARBOARD FLANK A BEAM, I WAS GETTING MY MUSKETS CLEAN
WHEN CAME THIS RUMBLING FROM BENEATH

F **Am**
THE OCEAN SHOOK, THE SKY WENT BLACK AND THE CAPTAIN QUAILED
F **E** **F E F E**
AND BEFORE US GREW THE ANGRY JAWS OF A GIANT WHALE, OH

[Verse 6] **Am E E Am**
DON'T KNOW HOW I SURVIVED, THE CREW ALL WAS CHEWED ALIVE
I MUST HAVE SLIPPED BETWEEN HIS TEETH
BUT OH, WHAT PROVIDENCE, WHAT DIVINE INTELLIGENCE
THAT YOU SHOULD SURVIVE AS WELL AS ME

F **Am**
IT GIVES MY HEART GREAT JOY TO SEE YOUR EYES FILL WITH FEAR
F **E F E**
SO LEAN IN CLOSE AND I WILL WHISPER THE LAST WORDS YOU'LL HEAR, OH

*[Outro] *Accelerate tempo*
Dm Am Dm E F E (X5)